Assembling a Two-Sided Ornament with Button Parts

TIP: You may see grease on the top side of the base of the button maker--don't wipe this off. This helps to rotate your button maker with ease.



NINE parts are needed to make a Two-Sided Button Ornament:

- 1) TWO Button Domed Fronts
- 2) TWO paper Graphics or fabric cut into a circle
- 3) TWO Mylar Circles
- 4) TWO Metal Hollow Ring
- 5) One Ceramic Magnet (not the flat peel-n-stick one)
- 6) Eventually, you'll need a string or ribbon to complete your ornament (not available at the library)

IMPORTANT WARNING: Button fronts, Hollow rings, and other button pieces often stick together so you might insert more than one in the button maker. When this happens the button will fail and the button maker may become jammed and inoperable.





Deep Side or Crimp Die

Note that the button maker has two wells or "dies" for your button parts. The deeper well or die is called the "crimp die." Let's call this the Deep Side. The shallow well or die is called the "pick up die." Let's call this the Shallow Side.

TIP: Make sure each half only has

one Mylar circle as two will be too thick. Also don't handle the Mylar

too much as it is easy to leave

unwanted finger prints.

FOR SIDE ONE OF THE ORNAMENT, FOLLOW STEPS 1 THROUGH 8 BELOW:



STEP 1: Layer into Shallow side: DOMED FRONT -- Sharp side down/dome side up.



STEP 2: Layer in circular GRAPHIC DESIGN, design side up



STEP 3: Layer in MYLAR CIRCLE (Make sure you just have one)



STEP 4: Layer into the Deep side: Hollow metal ring (with sharp edges side up).



STEP 5: Rotate the die clockwise until the SHALLOW side with the GRAPHIC comes to rest under the upper die.



STEP 6: Pull the handle down over the black base as far as it will go, and raise it up again to its rest position. The upper die will have picked up and hidden the button front.

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STEP 7: Rotate the die counter clockwise until the DEEP Side with the Hollow Ring in it comes to rest under the upper die.



STEP 8: Pull the handle down over the black base as far as it will go, and raise it up again to its rest position. Make sure your fingers are not under either die so you don't pinch your fingers.



STEP 9: Rotate the die clockwise to expose the nearly complete Side 1 of your Ornament. Remove Side One and set it aside.

REPEAT STEPS 1 THROUGH 9 TO MAKE SIDE TWO OF YOUR ORNAMENT After you have both sides of your Ornament "Pressed," you are ready to punch holes in each side.

Find the Metal Craft Punch Kit and the Punch instructions to punch a hole in both halves.



Using the Metal Craft Punch, select a hole size that will fit your Ribbon or String that you will be using to hang your ornament. Punch the front of the ornament near the top of your graphic. Do this for both of the button halves using the instructions supplied with the punch.



Place the Ceramic Magnet on the back side of one of the button halves near the bottom. Your Ribbon can be strung now or later when the two halves are held together with the magnet, making sure the punched holes are lined up. (You do not glue on the magnet, the magnetic power holds it to the two halves.)



This picture shows both the front and the back of the completed ornament. If you wanted, you could use the glue gun available at the Studio to glue lace inside the ornament but peaking out around the perimeter of the circle as shown in the picture below.

Note: Make sure you read the instructions to the Metal Craft Punch before punching your holes.



How to unjam the button maker: View the "How to unjam a button maker machine" video at: https://www.americanbuttonmachines.com/pages/video-library